

### **Remarks**

By this amendment, claim 2 has been amended. Following entry of the foregoing amendment claims 1, 2 and 11-15 will be pending in the application. Support for the amended claims may be found throughout the specification and in the original claims. No new matter is added by these amendments.

The present Amendment clarifies issues on appeal and does not present new matter. Further, it is submitted that the present Amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search and consideration by the Examiner. As such, entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is in proper condition for entry in this application. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary.

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